

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 1, 7, and 15 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
 - a liquid crystal panel having a display area and a peripheral area;
 - a backlight being disposed at a rear side surface of the liquid crystal panel; and
 - a diffusing sheet and a prism sheet lying between the rear side surface of the liquid crystal panel and the backlight,wherein the backlight is provided by a substantially rectangular-shaped light guide plate and a linear lamp being disposed along an incidence plane provided at one side of the light guide plate,
 - a light emission control pattern having a plurality of straight grooves slanted to one side of the light guide plate and formed at a corner portion of the side of the light guide plate, along which an end portion of the linear lamp is adjacent to, on a back surface except for a center portion of the light guide plate, and
 - the plurality of the straight grooves are overlapped with the display area and the peripheral area of the liquid crystal panel.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein arrangement density of the grooves constituting the light emission control pattern are higher at an end side of the corner portion on the surface of the light guide plate.
4. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the grooves are formed radially out from the end side of the corner portion.
5. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the grooves are formed to be parallel to each other, and the arrangement density of the grooves is controlled by individual extension lengths thereof.
6. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 3, wherein the grooves are formed to be parallel to each other, and the arrangement density of the grooves is

controlled by altering respective arrangement intervals or individual depths of the grooves.

7. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:

a liquid crystal display panel having a display area and a peripheral area;
a backlight; and

~~an optical~~ a prism sheet disposed between the liquid crystal panel and the backlight,

wherein the backlight is provided by a light guide plate ~~display panel~~ and a linear lamp being disposed along at least one side of the light guide plate,

a plurality of straight grooves are formed on a back surface of the light guide plate and formed at a corner portion of the side of the light guide plate, along which an end portion of the linear lamp is adjacent to, the side except for a center portion of the light guide plate, and

the plurality of straight grooves are overlapped with the display area and the peripheral area.

8. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, comprising fine dots, wherein at least a part of an area at which the plurality of grooves are formed and at least a part of an area at which the fine dots are formed are overlapped with one another on the main surface of the light guide plate.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein an arrangement density of the grooves is higher at an end side of the corner portion ~~on~~ of the light guide plate.

11. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the grooves are formed radially out from the end side of the corner portion.

12. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the grooves are formed to be parallel to each other, and the arrangement density of the grooves is controlled by individual extension lengths thereof.
13. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the grooves are formed to be parallel to each other, and the arrangement density of the grooves is controlled by altering respective arrangement intervals or individual depths of the grooves.
14. (Original) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 10, wherein the arrangement density of the grooves is controlled by altering respective arrangement intervals and individual depths of the grooves.
15. (Currently Amended) A liquid crystal display device comprising:
a liquid crystal display panel having a display area and a peripheral area;
a light guide plate; [[and]]
a prism sheet disposed between the liquid crystal display panel and the light guide plate; and
a linear lamp disposed along one side of the light guide plate,
wherein the back surface of the light guide plate has a plurality of first straight grooves and a plurality of second straight grooves formed at both corner areas [[along]] of the side of the light guide plate, along which an end portion of the linear lamp is adjacent to, except for a center portion of the light guide plate,
the plurality of first straight grooves are extended in a first direction slanted to the side of the light guide plate and the plurality of second straight grooves are extended in a second direction slanted to the side of the light guide plate, and
the plurality of first and second straight grooves are overlapped with the display area and the peripheral area of the liquid crystal panel.
16. (Cancelled)
17. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 16, wherein a density of the plurality of first and second grooves at an intermediate area located on

the light guide plate between both the corner areas thereof is lower than those at both the corner areas thereof.

18. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 15, wherein a main surface of the light guide plate has a pair of edges along the corner area thereof, one of which is extended along the side of the light guide plate, and the plurality of grooves intersect at least one of the pair of edges thereof.
19. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 18, wherein extension lengths of the plurality of grooves from intersecting points thereof with at least one of the pair of edges of the light guide plate decrease as far as the intersecting points are spaced from a tip portion of the corner area.
20. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 18, wherein a density of the plurality of first grooves decreases as far as intersecting points thereof with at least one of the pair of edges spaced from a tip portion of the corner area.
21. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 15 wherein the plurality of first grooves are divided into at least two groups in accordance with intersecting angle thereof with the side of the light guide plate.
22. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 15 wherein the plurality of first grooves are extended radially from an edge of the light guide plate along the side thereof.
23. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 22, wherein the plurality of first grooves are divided into at least two groups in accordance with locations of respective base points one of which each of the plurality of grooves is extended radially from.
24. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 1, wherein the light guide plate is transparent.

25. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 7, wherein the light guide plate is transparent.
26. (Previously Presented) A liquid crystal display device according to claim 15, wherein the light guide plate is transparent.